

RENTON

ENVISIONING OUR CITY

Introduction

Some cities are locked in time, inhospitable to change, but the City of Renton is not such a place. The engineered disappearance of the Black River, a major waterway to the earliest community, and the economic downturn that resulted in the closing of Renton's timber mill and coal mines, once thriving industries, are but a few examples of the evolution of Renton. Strategic planning announced by the Boeing Company, a primary industry for more than half the City's lifetime, will bring economic diversification and physical modification to the City.

Until the mid-twentieth century, the Renton community took change as it came and coped with its consequences as they arose. In 1965, however, "planning for the future" was initiated with the adoption of the City's first Comprehensive Plan.

Twenty-five years later, major evaluation of the Comprehensive Plan was initiated. It culminated in the first comprehensive plan to meet the requirements of the 1990 Growth Management Act (GMA). Periodic review of Comprehensive Plan goals and policies, mandated by GMA, provides the City with the opportunity to factor in changes in the community and make adjustments to reflect the objectives of the administration.

The foundation of the Comprehensive Plan is a "Vision" of how Renton will look and function in the future, a "Mission" that states the responsibility for meeting the Vision, and "Business Plan Goals" that delineate how the Mission can be met. The implemented Comprehensive Plan, associated Land Use Map, Zoning, Development Standards, and programmatic plans for transportation, utilities, housing, and parks and recreation facilities will result in a fully realized Vision of the City.